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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

B & O Viaduct at Bloomington

AND/OR COMMON

BLOOMINGTON VIADUCT (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Potomac River, south of Maryland
Route 135

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bloomington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Garrett

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. John W. Hanifin, President; Chessie System

STREET & NUMBER

2 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bloomington Viaduct, built in 1851, is located in the Bloomington area of southeast Garrett County, just west of the Allegany County line. It is a sandstone bridge of three full center arches, each with a 56-foot span and a 28-foot rise. When first built, it carried a double-track of the original Baltimore and Ohio main line across the Potomac River to Mineral County, West Virginia. In 1916 the viaduct was widened to accomodate two more tracks. The addition is a Melan-type reinforced concrete bridge of identical configuration built against the south face of the original stone bridge.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1851 and 1916 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bloomington Viaduct was built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in 1851 as part of its original main line. The construction of the B & O through southern Garrett County was a spur to the growth of this area. Timber and coal mining were initiated and farms and towns laid out, Bloomington being founded in 1849. It has been said that the railroad was the "most important single agency in the development of [Garrett] County."¹

According to Carl Condit in his American Building, the B & O pioneered in the construction of multispan masonry railroad bridges such as the Bloomington Viaduct.² The viaduct is the only known example of this form of bridge in Garrett County, although a single arch masonry structure spans the Casselman River on the National Road, U.S. Route 40, to the east of Grantsville in the northern portion of the county (National Register).

¹"The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Thru Garrett County," The Glades Star (Oakland, Maryland: The Garrett County Historical Society), Vol. I, #33 (March 31, 1949), 329.,

²Carl W. Condit, American Building, Materials and Techniques from the First Colonial Settlements to the Present (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1968), pp. 71-73.

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[see section 8 for full reference].

Notes from the files of Robert Vogel, Curator, Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

UTM REFERENCES

Figure 1 consists of four diagrams labeled A, B, C, and D, each showing a grid of coordinates. The columns are labeled ZONE, EASTING, and NORTHING. Diagram A shows a standard grid. Diagram B shows a grid with a different spacing. Diagram C shows a grid with a specific offset. Diagram D shows a grid with a different offset.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE _____

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Maryland 21401

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL_____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE _____

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE _____

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Bloomington Viaduct				
AND/OR HISTORIC: B & O Viaduct				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Potomac River, south of Maryland Route 135				
CITY OR TOWN: Bloomington				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Garrett		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. John W. Hanfin, President				
Chessie System (formerly B & O Railroad)				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2 North Charles Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland 21201		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>Located in the Bloomington area of southeast Garrett County, just west of the Allegany County line, the Bloomington Viaduct spans the Potomac River and is visible from several points along Maryland Route 135.</p> <p>The viaduct is a three arch stone bridge that was erected in the mid 1800s and is still in use.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

~~1851~~ 1851 and 1916

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bloomington Viaduct is a mid nineteenth century multispan masonry railroad bridge that spans the Potomac River in southeastern Garrett County. It was built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which, according to Carl Condit, pioneered in this type of bridge construction.¹ (American Building, pp. 71-73.) The viaduct is the only known example of this form of bridge in Garrett County although a single arch masonry structure spans the Casselman River on the National Road, U.S. Route 40, to the east of Grantsville in the northern portion of the county.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Condit, Carl W. American Building, Materials and Techniques from the First Colonial Settlements to the Present, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 6/9/75
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

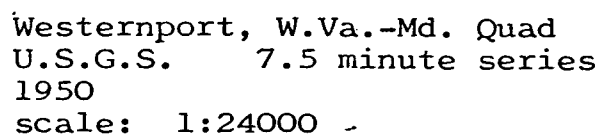
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

STATE OF
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
JOSEPH T. SINGEWEL

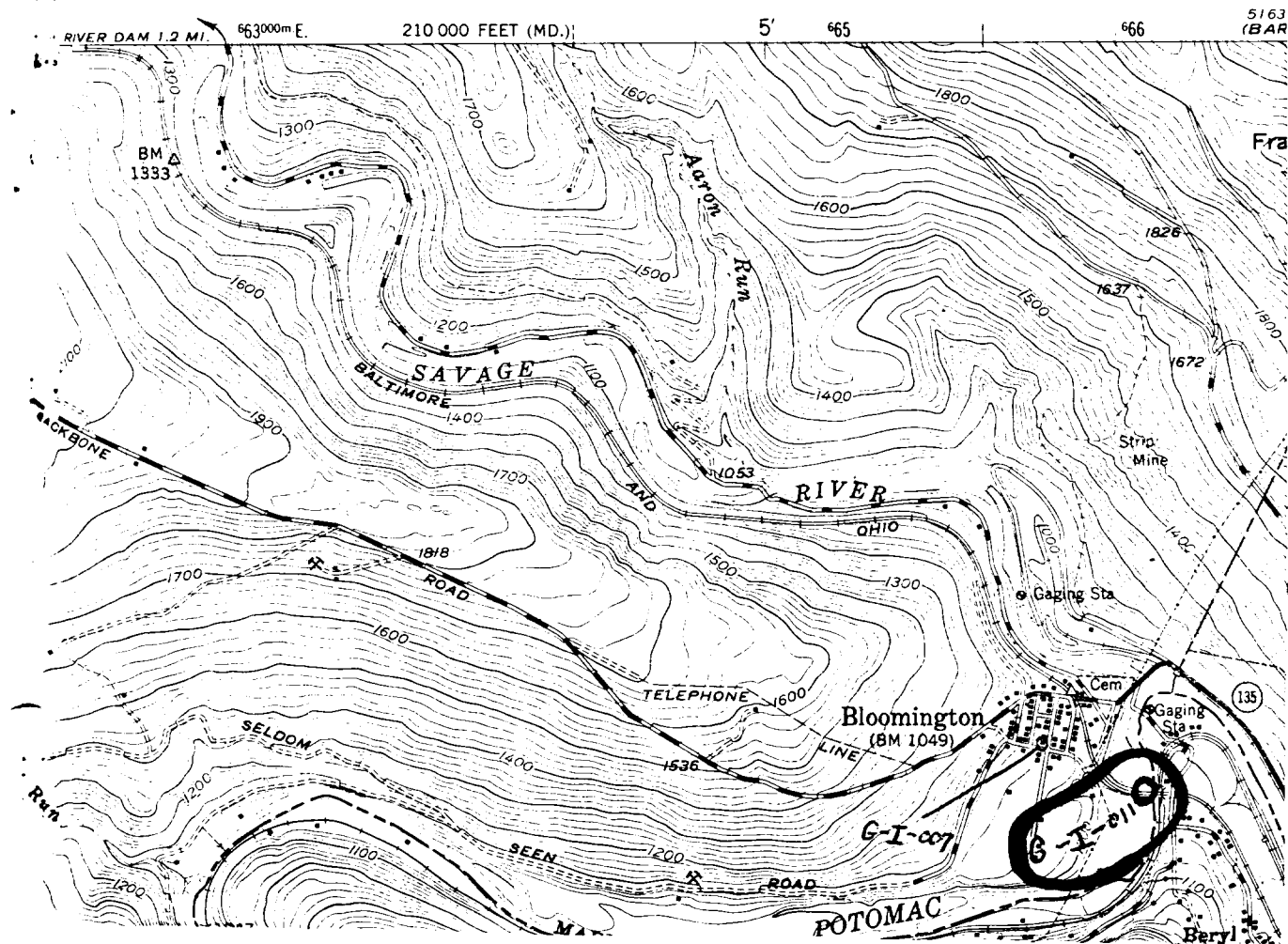


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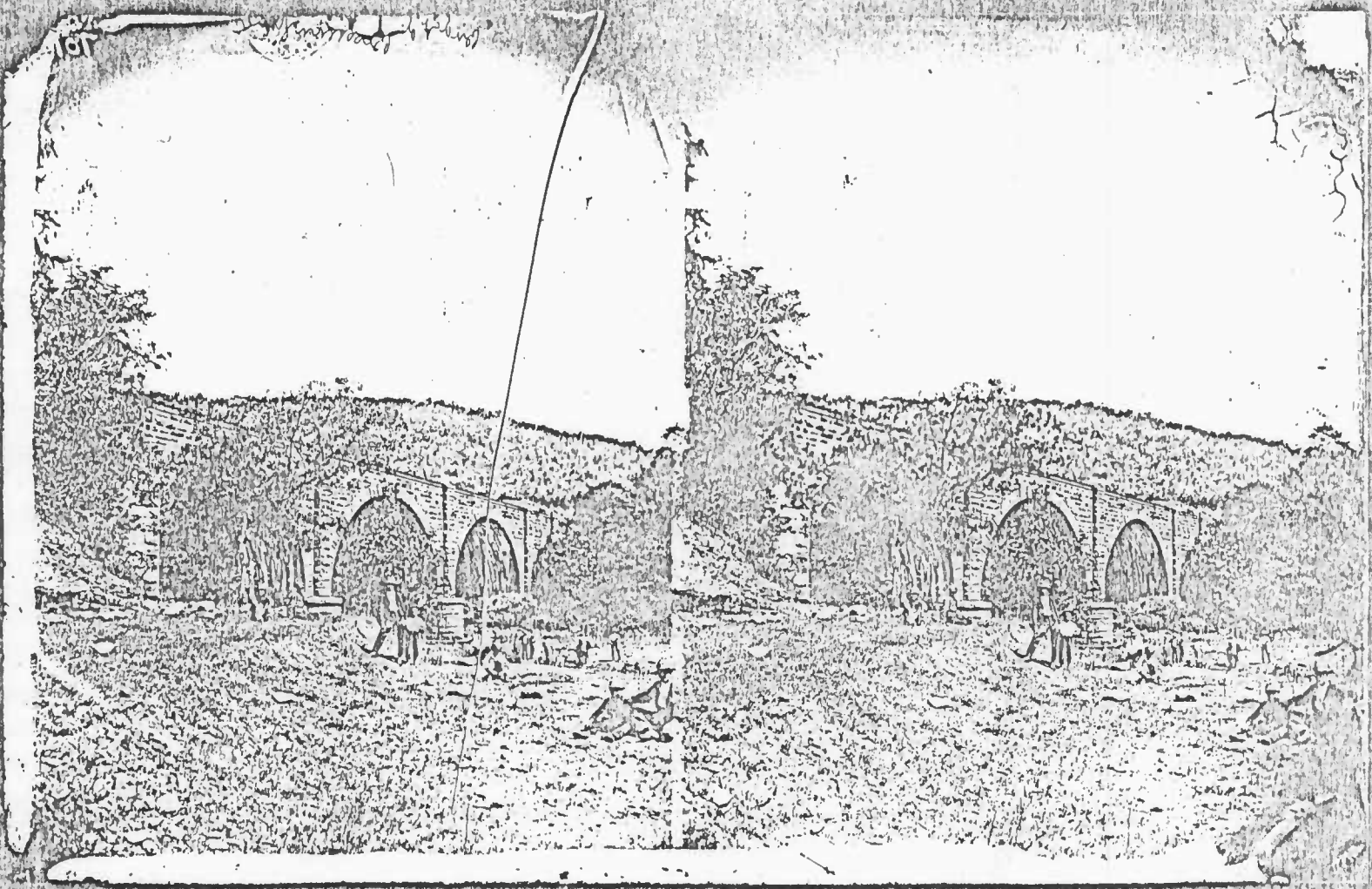
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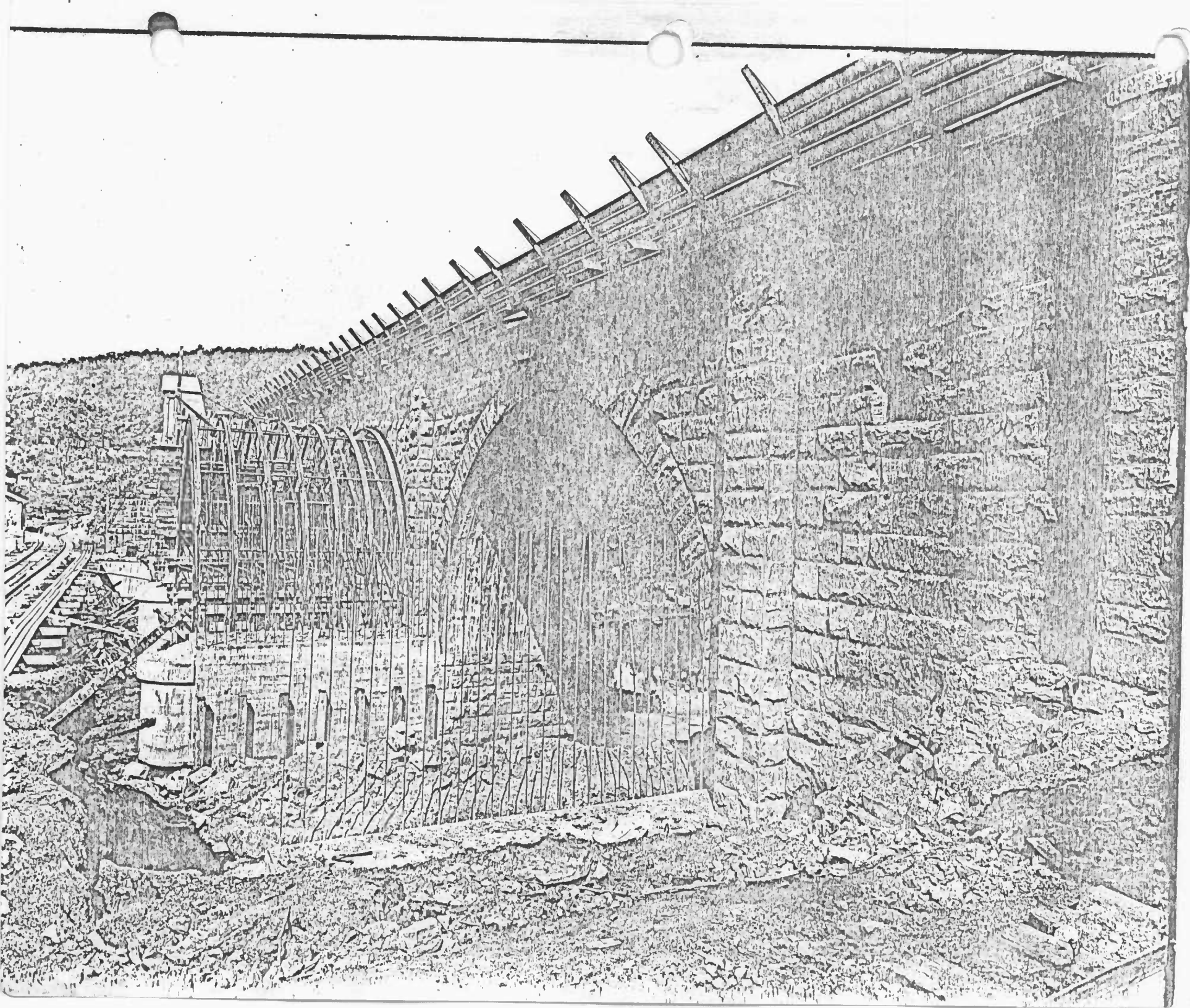


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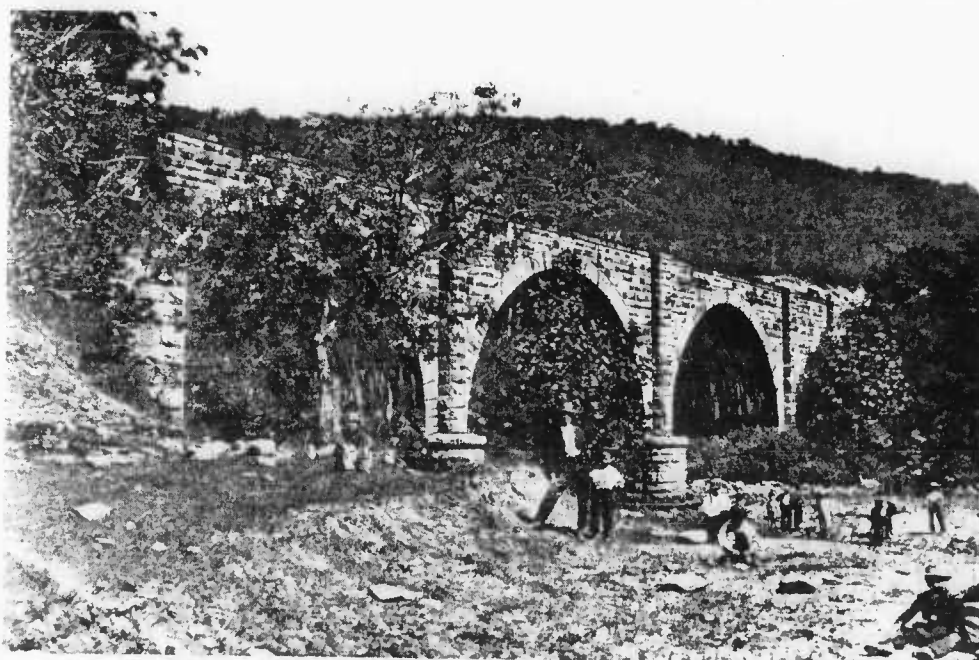
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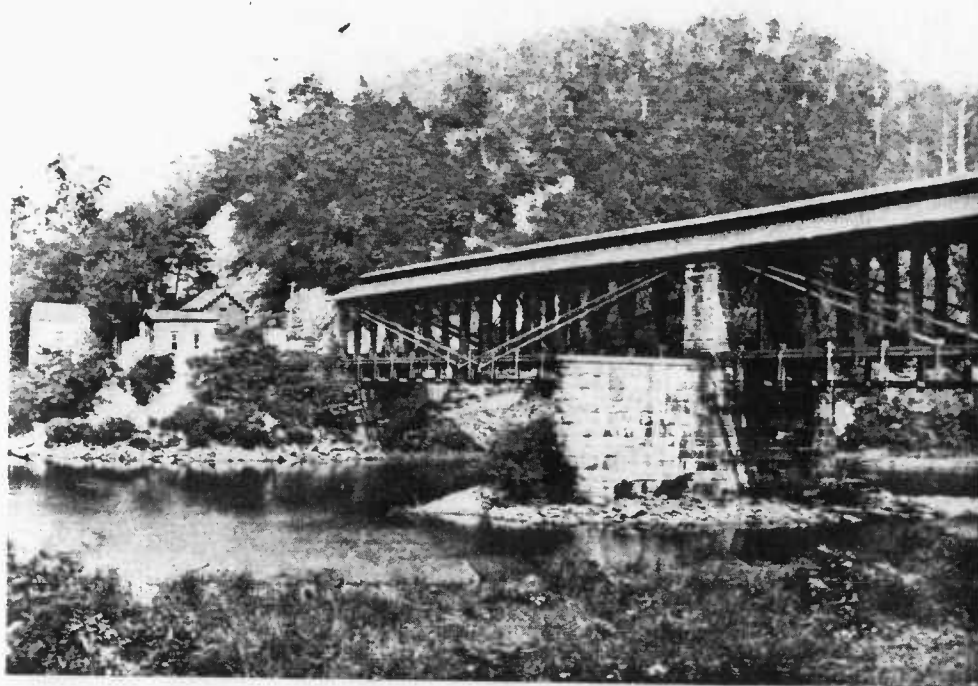
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The Bloomington Viaduct across the Potomac River marked the beginning of the Baltimore and Ohio's ascent of Big Savage Mountain, the Allegheny backbone. (The B & O Railroad Museum, Inc., Collection.)



Dilts, James D.

1993 The Great Road: The Building of the Baltimore and Ohio, The Nation's First Railroad, 1828-1853. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press.



(Opposite, top) The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum

(Opposite, bottom) The truss designed by Albion L. Stevens, Inc., Collection.

(Above) Past the Chesapeake and crossed several double tracks going west. It became a Maryland Historical